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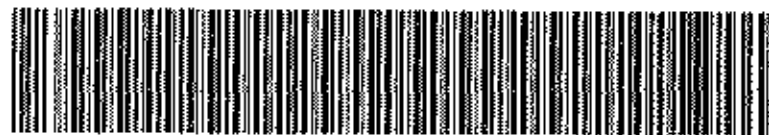
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GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

C. S. O.

SUBJECT

"Al-Jiwa" Newspaper

GPP 22100-8000-15.4.46

CONNECTED FILES

NUMBER AND YEAR

SUBJECT

366/N

① A/Chairman Pal Arab Party — 16. 6. 45
PD 20/6

2. P.I.O.

I would be grateful for your comments on ff. (1) and (1a). There is no form of assistance that Government can give in this matter other than treating this request on its merits. Party squabbles between sections of the Palestine Arab Party are nothing to do with us and personally I feel that while "Al Wahda" is a creditable effort, the republished "Al Liwa" is likely to be less so. I presume that the answer is that there is not sufficient newsprint in the country for a new daily paper but that the application can be reconsidered when further supplies are available.

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Pl. submit with our relevant file

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④ P.I.O — K 12/43 — 27. 6. 45

PD 28/6

⑤ To J.H.H. Pollock Esq — 7. 7. 45

⑥ To H. C. Holme, Esq — 9. 7. 45

⑦ Copy from P.I.O — K 12/43 — 11. 7. 45
PD 12/7

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12.7.45*

"Al-hiwa" Newspaper.

Pr/22/45

P.T.O. - 20.6.45

M. Newton 27.6.45

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K/12/43.

11th July, 1945.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 16th June, 1945, and to say that it is regretted that there is no possibility under present supply conditions of releasing an additional quantity of newsprint for reviving 'Al Liwa' newspaper. I am to say that your application will be reconsidered in the event of any increase in the total newsprint quota for Palestine next year.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER.

Acting Chairman,
Palestine Arab Party,
JERUSALEM.

Copy to: Chief Secretary
Ref: his PR 22/45
" " District Commissioner,
Jerusalem, ref. his
letter 48/79 of the 21st
June, 1945.

(6)

Pr/22/45.

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9 July, 1945.

(4)

Please refer to your letter K/12/43 of the 27th June 1945 on the subject of "AL WAHDA" newspaper and the dispute in Palestine Arab Party circles about this paper. We have discussed this matter briefly and I suggested that owing to the behaviour of certain of the party members recently it would be most inadvisable in present circumstances to allow them to perpetuate their views in print. Furthermore, the circulation of "AL WAHDA" is, I understand, between 7,000 and 8,000 copies a week, and Itzhak Hussein is already apprehensive lest he should run out of newsprint before the end of the year. Although the paper is not popular in the more conservative circles I think that at the moment it is a creditable effort at an independent newspaper and later on it might be worth more support than we can give it now.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) R. Newton

H.C. Holme Esq.,
Public Information Officer.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

9 July, 1945.

(4)
Please refer to Holme's letter K/12/43 of the 27th June 1945 on the subject of "AL WAHDA" newspaper. I enclose a copy of a letter that I have sent him in reply. Emile Ghoury and his friends already exert a sufficiently disturbing influence and I am sure that you will agree that they are the last people who should be encouraged to have a newspaper of their own just now.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) R. Newton

J. H. H. Pollock Esq., O.B.E.,
District Commissioner,
Jerusalem.

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K/12/43.

27th June, 1945.

Chief Secretary
JERUSALEM.

Subject : Palestine Arab Party -
Newspaper.

An application of which copies have been sent to yourself and to the District Commissioner, Jerusalem, from the Acting Chairman of the Palestine Arab Party, claims that the weekly 'Al Wihda', a licence to publish which was granted this year to Ishaq Eff. Hussein, is not as originally intended an organ of the Palestine Arab Party, since Ishaq Eff. declines to accept the Party's directives. The applicant, therefore, asks for a permit, and, of course, a newsprint allocation, to republish 'Al Liwa' as the organ of the Party.

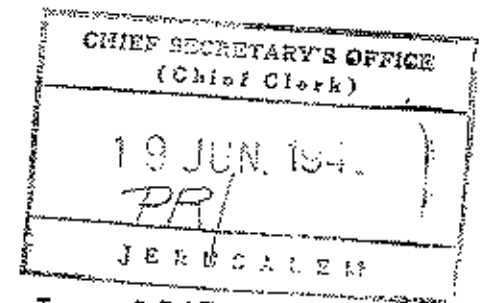
2. It is a fact that in granting a permit to Ishaq Eff., account was taken of the significance of the Palestine Arab Party and of its lack of an organ. Finally, it will be further recalled that in granting the permit to Ishaq Eff. consideration had to be given to two different applications, one from him and one from Mr. Emil Ghorl, both of which were recommended by the Chairman of the Palestine Arab Party, the choice of a licensee being left to Government. The decision was made in consultation with Mr. Kirkbride.

3. The allocation to Ishaq Eff. was 6 tons yearly which was considered adequate to start a daily newspaper assuming that it was to be an organ of the Party, as the application stated, and not a money-making concern. Subsequently, Ishaq Eff. professed himself unable to run a daily newspaper on this allocation and has contented himself with bringing out the weekly 'Al Wihda' of which the first issues have recently appeared. The allocation is, in my view, far in excess of what is required for a weekly, especially if we accept an estimate of circulation of only 2,000-3,000 copies, which is, I believe, correct.

4. Clearly an internal squabble is no concern of Government, but if the view is taken that we gave newsprint originally for an organ of the Palestine Arab Party rather than for an independent paper, it seems that we ought to reduce the allocation to Ishaq Eff. and allow a corresponding quantity of newsprint to the applicant. On general grounds, I think there is room for an increase in the number of Arabic weeklies of which there are only two at present. I am, therefore, inclined to favour action on these lines.

Copies to: District Commissioner, J'lem.
K/12/43.
'Al Wihda' file (K/87).

P.C. Hobson
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER.



Jerusalem, 16th. June 1945.

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Palestine,
Jerusalem.

Sir,

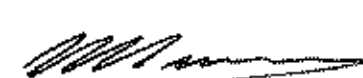
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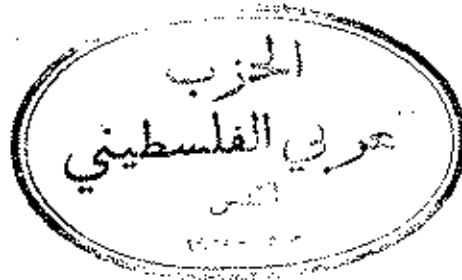
We have the honour to attach hereto a copy of our letter forwarded to the Public Information Officer, applying for a newsprint permit to publish our newspaper "Al-Liwa".

In view of the urgency to the party of an organ of its own, we solicit your aid and assistance in this respect.

Thanking you exceedingly for your courtesy and good attention,

Yours faithfully,


ACTING CHAIRMAN PALESTINE ARAB PARTY



Jerusalem, 16th. June 1945.

The Public Information Officer,
Public Information Office,
Jerusalem,

Sir,

We have the honour to submit the following for your kind consideration.

The Palestine Arab Party, had a permit to publish a daily newspaper, "Al-Liwa", which was the party's organ. Because of the ominous events in Palestine during the years 1937-1939 the publication of the newspaper was discontinued.

2) After the break out of the War, the proprietor and responsible editors of "Al-Liwa" were outside Palestine, and therefore could not resume the publication of the paper. The party was thus deprived of the facility to obtain a newsprint permit to publish its newspaper.

3) As far back as October 1943, when the party planned to resume its political activities, it felt the urgency of having an organ of its own, to defend its views, and support its programme. Consequently application for a permit was presented to your department, through the General Secretary of the party, and by the party direct. Since October 1943 repeated applications were submitted to Government for a newsprint permit, but, on the grounds that the paper quota having been already allocated, we were not granted a permit.

4) In the meantime Ishac Effendi Abdul Salam Hussein submitted an application (several months after our various applications) for a newsprint permit. Ishac Effendi declared to us his willingness to place his newspaper under the disposal of the party, to act as its organ. On the strength of his words we not only supported his application, but also ordered arrangements to be made for him to rent and use our printing press (Al-Liwa).

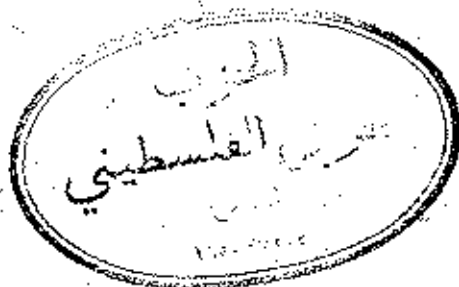
5) When we became aware that a newsprint permit was to be granted to Ishac Effendi Hussein, we decided not to approach you any further for a newsprint permit.

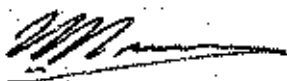
6) Unfortunately Ishac Effendi Hussein chose to run his newspaper (Al-Wihda) at his own, and independent of the party. Consequently we are bound to withdraw our support to Ishac Effendi's newspaper, and will take the necessary steps to take back our printing press.

7) Under the circumstances, and whereas the Palestine Arab Party (the only active Arab party in the country) representing the great majority of the population, is in urgent need for an organ of its own. And whereas the paper supply situation in Palestine is improving, we hereby beg to renew our application for a newsprint permit to enable us to republish our daily Arabic newspaper "Al-Liwa".

Hoping to receive a favourable reply at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,




Acting Chairman,
PALESTINE ARAB PARTY